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HOME ISLAND, PALMYRA ATOLL

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Palmyra Atoll is located 360 miles north of the Equator, near 6 degrees north latitude and 161 degrees west longitude. It is a beautiful coral atoll consisting of a number of small islands arranged around three separate lagoons. The islands teem with hermit crabs and coconut trees, the lagoons with fish, and the skies with thousands of terns and boobies. The atoll was a military base during World War II, and a few derelict buildings still remain, but the islands are now uninhabited except for visiting yachts.

Home Island is located at the southwestern tip of the atoll, facing the western lagoon to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the south. It is surrounded by a wide, shallow coral reef which limits access to the island to a few hours on either side of high tides.

During six days of intermittent operation, about 2,000 contacts were made, mostly 10, 15, and 20 meter SSB.

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